

providing for registration of each research project; providing the Secretary with the power to revoke or suspend a license under certain circumstances; providing the Secretary with the power to inspect licensees; and requiring that all researchers comply with NIH guidelines; providing for a biohazards committee; and providing for an expiration time for the Act.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health

Sections 892 through ~~904~~ 904, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Recombinant DNA Research" Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

#### Preamble

On June 23, 1976, the Director of the National Institutes of Health issued guidelines that govern the conduct of NIH supported research on recombinant DNA molecules. The guidelines have since been made compulsory for researchers ~~getting~~ receiving funds from any federal agency. But a scientific laboratory that does not receive a federal grant need not comply with NIH guidelines. There are thus many research laboratories conducting this ~~very-volatile~~ research, under no compulsion to meet even the ~~most~~ minimal safety standards. It is recommended that federal facilities situated in the State, where recombinant DNA research is conducted, register their projects with the Secretary.

It is therefore, the intent of this legislation to ensure that experimental DNA recombination will have no ill effects on those engaged in the research, on the general public, or on the environment.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 892 through ~~904~~ 904, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Recombinant DNA Research" be and they are hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

#### Article 43 - Health

#### RECOMBINANT DNA RESEARCH

892.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT RESEARCH RELATED TO RECOMBINANT DNA IS OF EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE, WITH MANY POTENTIAL BENEFITS, BUT ~~ALSO~~ WITH MAJOR UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON HUMAN